

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4255  
INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, DR  
SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO CANAL TREATY APPROVAL

1. LOCAL PRESS REACTION TO SENATE'S RATIFICATION OF PANAMA  
CANAL TREATY UNIVERSALLY LAUDATORY. ALL EDITORIALS RECOGNIZED  
THE TREATY AS A HISTORIC STEP IN US-LATIN RELATIONS AND  
CONGRATULATED BOTH GOVERNMENTS. NO OFFICIAL REACTION FROM GODR  
AS YET.

2. THE LEADING MORNING DAILY, LISTIN DIARIO, CHARACTERIZED THE  
TREATY VOTE ON APRIL 19 AS A QUOTE HISTORICAL TRIUMPH OF WISDOM  
UNQUOTE THAT HONORED THE UNITED STATES. EL CARIBE APRIL 20  
STATED THAT THE ACT PUT AN END TO A LONG AND COMPLEX CHAPTER  
OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC HISTORY WHILE OPENING A NEW PERIOD OF  
BETTER AND MORE JUST HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS. TODAY'S LEFT-  
LEANING EL SOL MAINTAINED THAT WHILE IT WAS AN IMPORTANT  
BATTLE WON BY THE PANAMANIAN, THE WAR FOR THE TOTAL RECOVERY  
OF PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY CONTINUES. THE TREATY, HOWEVER,  
REPRESENTS A GESTURE OF UNDERSTANDING BY THE US GOVERNMENT.  
ULTIMA HORA OF APRIL 19 STATED THAT BY THE RATIFICATION THE  
UNITED STATES QUOTE OPENS DOORS TO UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION  
UNQUOTE.  
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